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DANGER.—The sufferers from the use of substitutes and cheap imitations of Glyco-Thymoline are the physician and patient, in reputation and person respectively.

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We have long since learned that in a majority if not all of the bowel affections, especially in epidemics with children of a catarrhal diathesis, the cause is primarily hyperacidity followed by undigested fermented food, formation of gas, etc., producing a catarrhal condition of stomach and bowels with auto-intoxication. Such an incubator for bacteria requires immediate attention to avert mortality and I have found Glyco-Thymoline nearly a specific, not only in diseases of this type but in all catarrhal affections.

My first opportunity of acquaintance in the use of Glyco-Thymoline dates back several years. At that time a very malignant epidemic of catarrhal bowel affections with children prevailed through central Indiana. I became eminently successful in treating what we diagnosed as Entero-Colitis, "Cholera Infantum", and I kept a tabulated record of many very interesting cases successfully treated, giving Glyco-Thymoline as the curative in each case, and without extending my paper too greatly I can only give a few of the many cases I have before me.

CASE I.—I was called to Edna L., 18 months old, who had been purging and vomiting every few hours for three days. Stools frequent, thin, green, odor very unfavorable and the patient was much emaciated; all symptoms demanding my immediate attention to prevent a speedy collapse. Treatment—I flushed out the lower bowel by using a 25% solution of Glyco-Thymoline followed with $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. calomel well rubbed into sugar of milk given every three hours until six doses had been given. To check vomiting and to invigorate the patient I administered Glyco-Thymoline in 25% solution et spirits frumenti 12%, two teaspoonfuls given every two hours until third dose, thus treating danger symptoms, then the Glyco-Thymoline one teaspoonful doses every four hours for two days. Successfully cleansed and removed cause from the intestinal tract, all the while supporting the patient by the above stimulus.

As a safety adjunct to restrain stomach and bowels gave bismuth sub. nit., opi. pulvis, creta prep., given every three or four hours as required to control and give patient rest. Patient returned to normal condition, was placed upon a restricted diet and discharged.

CASES II, III, IV and V, July 5th and 6th.—I was called to these four cases as above, ages ranging from four to thirteen months, all being attacked by the usual symptoms of epidemic cholera infantum. Slow circulation, impaired digestion, fermentation, frequent stools, green and offensive with frequent vomiting and prostration. Treatment.—With the exception of dosage proportioned to the different ages treatment was along the same line. By first eliminating cause, by neutralizing and flushing out the lower bowels by a 50% solution of Glyco-Thymoline, stimulating and treating danger symptoms upon general principles. To check vomiting I administered liberal doses of a 25% solution of Glyco-Thymoline, giving purgative doses of saline laxatives or castor oil to thoroughly cleanse bowels. In conjunction with the above treatment I ordered the discontinuance of all food from the first thirty-six hours. Progress satisfactory from the twelfth to the thirty-fourth hour in every case. Discharged in from the third to the seventh day of treatment and replaced upon a cautious diet.

CASE VI.—Infant, five and a half months old, had been sick and under treatment for seven days, when I was called to the case and diagnosed the trouble as enterocolitis. The symptoms were truly very unfavorable as the patient was in marked prostration, with discharges from bowels and vomiting ten to fifteen times per twenty-four hours. Pulse 126, temperature 101°F., tongue thick, brown coat, abdomen distended and tympanitic dullness over the spleen, urine highly acid, specific gravity 1027. Treatment.—First gave a liberal dose of brandy 10%, Glyco-Thymoline 25%, with orders to repeat every hour. Obtained a competent nurse. I had an enema of Glyco-Thymoline 25% thrown high up into the bowel and allowed to remain an indefinite time, which was continued every four hours for forty-eight hours and at the sixth hour I gave $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. calomel well rubbed in sugar of milk, repeating the dose every three hours until four doses had been given. Third hour after last dose followed with a dose of castor oil. All febrile conditions abated. A teaspoonful of Glyco-Thymoline diluted with water was ordered given per stomach in half ounce doses every three hours and to be

continued until the fifth day. At this time all symptoms of disease disappeared and the little patient fast recuperated and was withdrawn from further treatment.

I also find Glyco-Thymoline valuable in obstetrical practice, as its use is indicated in all cases as a preventive for and against sepsis, and especially in cases of septicemia due to retained membranes, etc.

In this paper I cannot afford an elaborate report of the beneficial uses of Glyco-Thymoline in obstetrical practice by my experience in its use but I desire to urge that my professional brethren give it a trial. We are so often called to reflect upon the dangerous effects of bichloride of mercury and carbolic acid in gynecological treatments.

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